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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al.

Serial Number: 10/728,355

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: IN VIVO SCREENING OF PROTEIN-  
PROTEIN INTERACTIONS WITH  
PROTEIN FRAGMENT  
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAYS

Group Art Unit: 1639  
Examiner: Sue Xu Liu

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, (with the period for response extended three months by the enclosed \$525.<sup>00</sup> extension fee) reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Prior to examining the present response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the prosecution history of the parent case U.S 09/603,885 (also claiming priority from provisional application U.S. provisional application No. 60/141,210 filed Jun. 26, 1999) which shows the "clear and convincing evidence standard" regarding the priority granted to the parent case (that is 09/017,412). The United States Patent and Trademark office granted priority to 09/017,412 which further claims priority to Jan 31, 1997 from Canadian application 2196496. The priority of this

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